Sun Spots

FROM THE PARADISE OF PALM DESERT

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FOURTH ANNUAL SHADOW BALL IS FORMAL IN ITS FASHION

Relaxed, is the tempo of living in Palm Desert. Casual, but fashionable, is the style of dress.

Formal, and fashionable, is the custom of our traditional Shadow Ball, to be observed for the fourth season on Saturday, March 1. It is one of the two nights in the season when the Mayfair vogue is the order of the evening; when everyone may enjoy the savoir faire of finery and formal fashion.

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QUINTET IN FLIGHT—5 members of the Fullerton Junior College National Championship swim team, leave the boards simultaneously in synchronized dives. During 16 years at Fullerton, coach Jimmy Smith's teams have won 124 separate championships. It was a good exhibition; televised for KTTV newsreel and "Open Road" program showing. Studio of Oden Proctor photo.

SWEETHEARTS OF ESS EM CEE—This very special and lovely hostess committee welcomed party-goers to the Valentine party last month. Posed and poised at the theme center we find, in the usual order, Mmes. Paul Meyers, Mary McNamara, Polly Wilson; Misses Jean O'Connor and Florence Allen. Leap Year pranks added to the fun. Studio of Oden Proctor.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN CLUB
Palm Desert

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Response to our "Add-a-Member" campaign was so great the office staff could not process all names submitted by members during the closing days of January. Therefore, at the request of many members, and in fairness to prospective members who received material late, initiation fee increase from $100.00, plus tax, to $200.00, plus tax, will not become effective until midnight, March 20, 1952.

VALENTINE PARTY ATTRACTS THRONG

Following the lovely theme of "hearts and flowers," the Valentine party at the club, February 9, was enjoyed by a capacity crowd of members and guests.

The "sweetheart" mood that prevailed was spiced with fun-pokes at the bachelors present, who were made conscious of the fact that this is a Leap Year. A selected group of bachelors, including Cliff Henderson, was submitted to a "hearts and hooks" guessing contest to which they responded good-naturedly. "Broken" heart valentines, pinned on more than 100 of the guests, provided a great deal of fun when attempts were made, later in the evening, to "match" the pieces. A special dance, featuring a balloon-breaking contest, was another of the mirthful fun-makers of the festive evening.

Mmes. Mary McNamara, Polly D'Ardis Wilson, Paul Meyers and the Misses Jean O'Connor and Florence Allen were charming "sweethearts" who served as a special hostess committee.

The club's theme center, and quarters, were attractively decorated in a predominantly red and white Valentine motif by Irene Matthias, social director, who also arranged and directed the program of fun activities.

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Champs!

SMC PLAYERS WIN TOURNAMENT PLAY

On the sports scene in February, SMC made its mark in the tennis world of the desert area. Two trophies were won by members Walter Blair, Newport Beach (Lido Isle), and Richard Jack, Indio, of the SMC tennis team, victors in the Class A men's doubles in the second annual Blue Ribbon Tournament, played at the Racquet Club, Palm Springs. They defeated Greg Bautzer and A. L. Zerbe, 6-2, 6-2. Tournament ended Sunday night, February 10th, after two days of playing.

Blair, and his wife Marjorie, are mixed doubles champions of Orange County and have been consistent tournament winners during the past 12 years. Jack, formerly of Pasadena and Los Angeles, shared the men's doubles title in the Pasadena City Tournament both in 1949 and 1950. He is also holder of many junior trophies and a Marine Corps championship, won previously.

Other SMC players taking part in the tournament were Cliff W. Henderson, Harry and Marie Whitcombe (Davis, California), and Mrs. Blair.

The players and their wives were the guests of Mr. Henderson at a Sunday night dinner-party to celebrate the occasion. Todd's Trio played their own version of the "Tennes—see Waltz" in honor of the duo of tennis cup winners.

Concourse D' Elegance Beautiful Presentation

Very dramatic will be Concourse d' Elegance presented by the California Sports Car Club, Saturday, March 22.

On review will be an assemblage of privately owned special and foreign cars paraded around the SMC pool. Ribbons and trophies are awarded by judges to the most outstanding combinations of cars and beautifully gowned lady exhibitors.

The cars will be on display on the lawns of the club grounds for close inspection. The combination car and fashion show may be viewed from the terrace or in the exhibition area.

Event, staged during the cocktail hour, will not interfere with the regular activities of members.

Spectacular!

L.A.A.C. Aquatic Stars To Visit Shadow Mountain

Here is a real treat! A parade of champions.

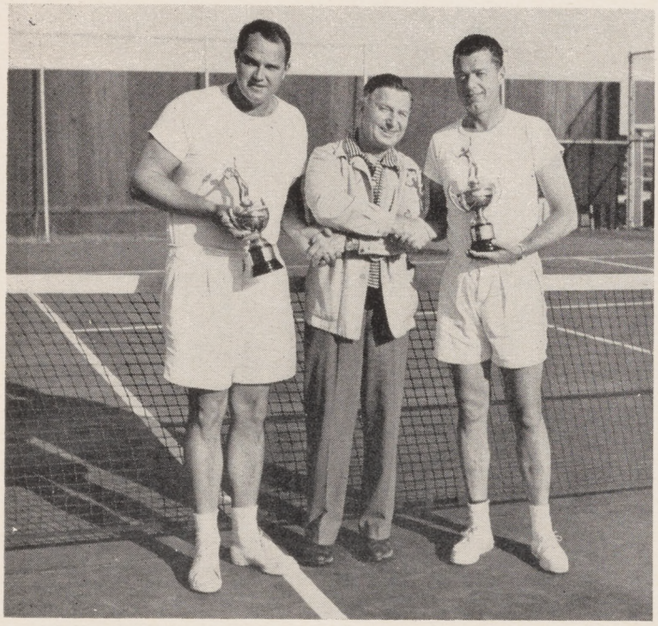
The club will be host to a galaxy of nationally famous aquatic champions when a group of top stars from the Los Angeles Athletic Club visits SMC on Sunday, March 23, and presents a program of diving, swimming and water ballet.

Patricia McCormick, holder of all 5 national diving titles, and leading contender for the U. S. Olympic Women's Diving Team, heads the list of those who will be seen in action in the club's pool.

Others include Paula Jean Myers, runnerup to Pat McCormick in the national diving picture; Ed Lucitt, second ranking platform diver in the U.S. and present Pacific Coast Conference diving champ; Charlotte Bell, 4th ranking free-style swimmer in the U. S., and senior Southern Pacific AAU champion in 100 meters ;Bernadette Masarik, runnerup to Charlotte on the Pacific Coast; Norma Welts, senior Southern Pacific AAU Backstroke champion at 200 yards; Mary Ann Morey, member of the 3rd ranking Medley Relay Team in the United States; Suzie Harris, member of the 1951 senior Southern Pacific AAU Synchronized Swimming Team Champions; Anne Graham, water ballet alternate; Glenn McCormick, husband of Pat, and one of the funniest comedy divers on the Pacific Coast.

For the thrill of seeing champions in action, the graceful precision of a water ballet, and good comedy diving, mark this date on your calendar now!

ADD A MEMBER BEFORE MARCH 20



TO THE VICTORS—Cliff Henderson offers congratulations to Richard Jack (l) and Walter Blair, SMC winners of the Class A mens' doubles in the second annual Palm Springs Blue Ribbon Tennis Tournament, playing against a strong field of competition. Those trophies call for three cheers! Photo by Oden Proctor.

EASTERNERS GO WESTERN—Finding it fun, enjoying the sun, and not minding the slight tress-blowing breezes, the charming daughters of the Edgar E. Rands, St. Louis, Mrs. Owen Mitchell, Jr., (l) and her sister, Mary Frances Rand, obligingly turnabout to pose for the photog during a recent 10-event gymkhana at the club's equestrian arena. Photo by Oden Proctor.

Leaders In Honor Roll Ball Campaign

Many members have obtained three or more new members—and tell us they are just getting under way!

SIX

Top man is Dudley Steele who heads the list of campaigners with a total of six to date! He says he is determined to "hold the number one spot and finish in the lead."

FOUR

Maurice Barnes and Carl Henderson have accounted for four new members each. They don't believe in tie scores and will see what they can do to break the deadlock.

THREE

Three-time scorers, at this writing, are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nielson and Messrs. Joseph G. Gokey, William R. Brooks, G. Howard Hutchins, Vernon Peck and T. E. Weatherholt. Reports have it that when the final count is taken these campaigners will have moved up to a higher bracket.

TWO

Many are the members who have added two of their friends to the SMC roster. Now that the time limit has been extended, these members will doubtless finish the campaign showing substantial increases in most instances. And from this group, who knows what darkhorse may wind up near the very top?

ONE

Scores of single new memberships have been received from cooperating members. A goodly number of these tell us they are just girding for a whirlwind finish before the March 20th deadline!

To one and all—our very hearty thanks!

ADD
A
MEMBER
THIS
MONTH

MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED AT PARTY

With several weeks yet remaining in the membership campaign, the number of guests who will be present at the Honor Roll Ball, to celebrate the occasion, already totals 334 — without counting additional reservations being made!

As prophesied, the club will enjoy one of the most fabulous parties in its history—a real victory celebration!

If, for some reason, you have not been able to earn the award of two victory dinners, and you plan to attend this gala event, it is suggested that you make your reservations now.

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Epicurean Feast Night of March 28

A gourmet's delight, the menu for the Honor Roll Ball is the chef's pride and joy!

From the cracked crab to noix assorte—with a choice of three entrees: Whole Royal Squab, Entrecote De Boeuf Roti and Hamard A La Cardinal—it is the cuisine supreme!

Members who are not award winners may attend if they make early reservations. Tariff, to non-winners, is $15.00 per person, including tax.

HOW DO YOU TAKE PART?

For the benefit of those who may have misplaced the information, here is a quick review of the current "add-a-member" campaign:

1. You personally add or recommend new members of your choice.
2. You sign up the new member, or send us a list and have our staff extend invitations to join—through the mails.
3. You receive, for each new member obtained: cocktails and 2 dinners, without cost, at the great Honor Roll Ball.
4. You add more than one member and receive your choice of 2 more dinners for each new member, or a bottle of champagne.
5. You receive a memento award, plaque or scroll, according to the number of members you add.
6. You have until midnight, March 20, to add-a-member.
7. You celebrate, with a host of others, at the Honor Roll Ball and party, March 28.

SULTRY SULTANAS—Or perhaps just plain harem girls. This trio of rather rugged "beauties" being sold in the slave market by auctioneer-sheik Dudley Steele, at the mike, are, from left, Wilbur Bear, Allen Willard and Henry "Hank" Gogerty. "Sultry" dances in laugh-provoking skit were part of the fun program of the colorful Arabian Nights Ball. Photo by Oden Proctor.

Team Work Does It! Here Is the Box Score to Date

Since the start of the "add-a-member" campaign on January 1, and up until press time, the box score of new memberships now stands at:

162

NEW MEMBERS!

There is still time to qualify for

THE GREAT HONOR ROLL BALL, MARCH 28!

There are, within every members' circle of friendship, individuals and families who would enjoy the fellowship of the Shadow Mountain Club and the club facilities. Friends who would appreciate an invitation to become a member.

Mail to us a list of your friends today. The club staff will immediately forward a current "Sun Spots," factual statement and membership application.

Team work will help us realize our goal—now in sight!

SHADY RACQUETEERS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Netters and spectators can look forward to a full weekend of tennis, Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9, during the Invitational Tennis Tournament for SMC members and guests.

Events will include: womens' singles, mens' singles, mens' doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fees are $3.00 per person for singles; $4.00 per team for doubles. This includes balls, and trophies for the winners. Checks should be made payable to the Shadow Mountain Club.

Florence Allen, tennis pro, asks that entries be sent in as soon as possible. List your partner's name if you enter a doubles event. Advise whether you can play on Saturday morning. Write or see Flo for any additional information. Entries close Friday, March 7. The finals of the tournament will be played at 2 p.m. Sunday, the 9th.

Prediction for the tennis weekend: good weather, beautiful desert sunshine, a big turnout of Shady Racqueteers, new SMC champions in the making! Bring on the competition!

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CHURCH MANSE NOW BUILDING

Work has begun on the new manse for Dr. and Mrs. John Robertson Macartney, Palm Desert Community Church. The forms are in and concrete poured.

Sunday services continue on the regular schedule. Church services at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 9:45; H. H. Jamison, Superintendent.

Dr. Macartney invites all visitors to Palm Desert to attend his non-denominational services.

MEREDITH TOPS AS DECORATOR

The beautiful decor and furnishings of 8 recently completed units at Firecliff Lodge is the work of Gene Meredith, decorator with Kelley's, Home Furnishings, Palm Desert and Palm Springs.

Formerly owner of his own Beverly Hills business, graduate of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Meredith has a faculty for achieving results meeting clients' specific requirements, interpreting modes of living, and reconciling each individual job by decorating to satisfy the owner; without obtruding personal whims so common to decorators.

Each Meredith job is completely different, well coordinated and promptly completed.

Palm Desert homes decorated and furnished by Kelley's, the work of Meredith, include: Mrs. Lowry Bettingen, the Eddy Nelsons and Maytor McKinleys, among others.

POSTPONED STYLE SHOW RE-SCHEDULED

Contingencies precluded the personal appearance of Mr. E. W. Stewart, Catalina president, for the style show scheduled February 24. The show was postponed so that SMC member Stewart might present his own show and commentary, an occasion he has long anticipated; an extra-special show well worth waiting for. The Catalina show has been re-scheduled for Sunday, March 16. Details remain the same as outlined in the February Sun Spots.

Stuard's Sun Shop substituted, on the 24th, with a fashion show that proved very interesting and pleasing to the spectators.

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Shadow Ball . . .

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The spirit of the Shadow Ball, as with all our parties, is one of fun and festivity; a gay, happy time in an exquisite setting of the glitter and glamour of beautifully gowned women, smartly garbed men.

On other nights it well might be a schottische or polka, but at the Shadow Ball, even the music of the Todd's Trio interprets the mood and carries the dancers along with rhythms in three-quarters time.

This is the night that has become traditional at the Shadow Mountain Club; an ecstatic excursion into a world of fancy-free formality in the manner of Vanity Fair.

After the Ball is over—casual, but fashionable, is the style of dress!

A HONEY OF A FAMILY—Holidaying at SMC, the Harry Whitcombe family, Davis, California, enjoys a respite from buzzing business of bees and honey. Famed apiculturists, the Whitcombes are pollenization authorities, using millions of bees as agents to carry pollen. Tennis addicts, Marie and Harry stand behind children Nancy, Johnny and Kenny who, incidentally, could not avoid school, there being such a good one in Palm Desert! Oden Proctor photo.

SATURDAY IS SHADOWS DAY—Youngsters have their very own Saturday-noon luncheon club, the "Shadows;" play organized games, win merits, have fun. Every other day they just play and play on spacious SMC grounds. Irene Matthias, social director, with an assist from Tom Harabedian, plans their once-weekly program. Oden Proctor photo.

Shadow Mountain Club Presents

March Calendar

TIME TO ENJOY THE SUN!

MARCH 1—Saturday—**FOURTH ANNUAL JUNIOR GYMKHANA**—Betenclif Trophy Award. Shadow Mountain Club equestrian arena.

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MARCH 8 and 9—Saturday and Sunday—**TENNIS TOURNAMENT.** Women's singles; mixed doubles; men's singles, doubles. A big tennis weekend.

MARCH 15—Saturday—**ST. PATRICK'S PARTY.** "Shades of Shamrock" dinner-dance, with "wearing of the green." Fun, favor, frolic. $6.00 per person. Early reservations, please.

MARCH 16—Sunday—**FASHION SHOW.** Terrace and poolside. Club goes Catalina, with Mr. E. W. Stewart, Catalina president, commentator. A fashion highlight of the season.

MARCH 17—Monday — Cathedral City Women's Club guest day. Bridge and canasta.

MARCH 22—**CONCOURSE d' ELEGANCE.** California Sports Car Club showing and judging of special and imported cars. At poolside.

MARCH 23—Sunday—**LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB (L.L.A.C.) SWIMMING, DIVING, BALLET EXHIBITION.** Topflight champions including Pat McCormick, holder of all 5 national diving titles.

MARCH 28—Friday—**HONOR ROLL BALL.** Grand party celebration to honor members who have sponsored new members. The night of awards, sumptuous feasting, dancing and extra-special entertainment. A night long-to-be-remembered.

MARCH 29—Saturday — **GOLFING TOURNAMENT.** On club's own approach and putt course. See J. B. Schutz or Art Todd.

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DINING NOTES

Dining Room: Service Daily—12:00-2:30 p.m.
Dinner from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday—12:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday — 12:30 p.m. — Smorgasbord Buffet, Table d'hote and ala carte service.

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TODD'S TRIO MUSIC SCHEDULE

The Todds will play during these hours
Monday, Wednesday: 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Thursday, Friday: 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Saturday night: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Sunday: Afternoons, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Evenings, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

APRIL 13, Sunday—Easter Weekend

APRIL 19, Saturday—Dixie Ball

Day by Day--Your Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday—12:30 p.m.—Bridge and Canasta Luncheon. $2.00, including gratuity, tax and prizes.
Evening—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

Tuesday—Club Closed.

Wednesday—8:00 p.m.—Tennis Round Robin (Shady Racqueteers). Florence Allen, SMC tennis pro.

Thursday — Evening — Square dancing, with Harry Kester calling. Chuck Wagon Dinner, $3.00, buffet style. Western or square dancing apparel.

Friday—Evening—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

Saturday—9:00 a.m.—Palm Desert Raiders. Saturday morning ride. At the SMC Stables.
12:30 p.m. — Shadows (age 4 to 8). Luncheon, games and prizes. $1.00.
Evening—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

Sunday—Smorgasbord Buffet. $4.00 per person. Music by Todd's Trio from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.
8:00 p.m.—Travelog, presented by members and camera enthusiasts. Alternate Sundays in the Manzanita Room.

For detailed information, see Irene Matthias, Social Director

EQUESTRIAN NEWS!

Palm Desert Raiders News for February

Raiders ride every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Coffe and donuts, 10:30, at the Stables.

Raiders Steak Dinner at the Stables every Tuesday night. Reservations to be made by Tuesday noon. Square dancing with Harry Kester calling.

Wednesdays—10:30 a.m.—Lunch Rides. Horses, $5.00. Lunch, 50c.

Thursdays—3:00 p.m.—Brolo practice.

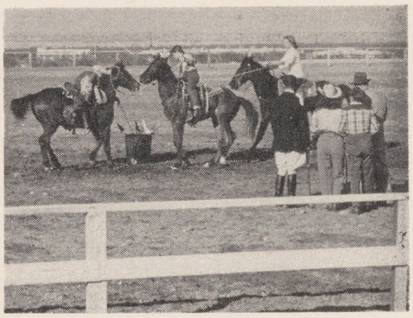
Fridays—8:30 a.m.—Breakfast Ride. Horses, $3.50. Haywagon, $1.50.

Sundays — 1:30 p.m. — February 3rd and 17th. Brolo Games. Free admission.

Every Day—2:30 p.m.—Calf roping, at the Stables corral.

For information, telephone the Stables and make reservations. Lisle Nixon, Manager.

CLEVELANDERS CONGREGATE—A dinner-party reunion, of couples from the Ohio metropolis, was the happy occasion when this photo was taken in the club lounge. Couples from the left are the Dan W. Holmes, C. E. Cleminshaws, and Robert W. Cornells. Proctor photo.



JUNIOR RIDERS—The fourth annual junior gymkhana, with Betenclif trophy award, is the equestrian event of the month. Young riders, such as these shown, will display their horsemanship skills. Photo by Proctor.

AWAY FROM THE COLD—Members from the cold midwest celebrate at SMC party. Left to right: Mrs. Edward Sergeant, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Miss Esther Killian, Kaukana, Wisconsin; Joseph G. Gokey (life member), Freeport, Illinois; Mrs. Daniel Harmon, Jr., Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Mr. Sergeant; Mrs. Gokey. Gokeys hosted the party celebrating Mrs. Harmons' birthday. Mr. Harmon backed out of camera range! Oden Proctor photo.

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HELLO! LOHE—Taking your phone reservation is smiling "Eddy" Lohe, maitre d' of SMC now celebrating his 30th year in restaurant-hotel business. At Statler Hotels, L. A. Town House, Brentwood Country Club and Palm Springs Tennis Club previously, his past experience adds much to smooth club operations.

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TWO FORMS OF ART TO ENJOY

At the Palm Desert Little Theatre, "Time and Tod," a sparkling 3-act comedy will be presented by the Desert Players, every Tuesday and Friday night, through March 21. Tickets are available at SMC.

At the Palm Desert Art Gallery, you will find special exhibits of the works of Burt Procter, until March 7; Ralph Love, from March 8 to 25; Paul Leathers, March 26 to April 10. Visitors are always welcome.

Seafood

FISH NET OPENS IN PALM DESERT

A boat has been beached in the heart of Palm Desert—in front of Fish Net Number One, the newest colorful addition to the steadily growing business section of the community. The boat is decorative only, and, together with an assortment of draped fish nets, anchors, and sea-going paraphernalia, creates an appropriate marine background for proprietor Mickey Delaney's serving of sea food specialties.

This new food service, on Highway 111, next door to the new Brooks and Moore real estate office, serves all kinds of sea food—"out of this world," so says Delaney!—on the premises, or prepared on order to carry home. Hors d'oeuvres for cocktail parties and other special sea food catering provides a welcome service to local residents.

Mickey Delaney and Fish Net Number One, form a combination of personality and atmosphere that should fit in well with the charm of Palm Desert. We think you'll like both. Much success to the new enterprise!

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GLORIOUS FLOWERS

Every sign indicates that during the month of March the desert will bloom with a profusion of wildflowers not seen since 1949. The beautiful coloring, soft shading, fragile-appearing delicacy of a desert flower must be seen to be appreciated and is, indeed, a glorious sight. In itself, worth a trip to the desert!

ARABIAN NIGHTS BALL UNVEILS UNIQUE TALENT

Both "mystic" and merry was the fourth annual Arabian Nights Ball, at SMC, just prior to the opening of the National Date Festival at Indio.

Guests of honor were pretty contestants, for the role of Queen of the Festival, and a number of its officials.

The club presented its own surprise "contestants," in a program of hilarious entertainment burlesquing harem girls in a slave market; complete with buyers and an auctioneer in the market place. Dudley Steele emceed the program with good effect. Henry "Hank" Gogerty, Wilbur Bear and Allen Willard were the "harem girls" competing for first prize—a bottle of champagne—won by Gogerty.

The colorful Arabian costumes, worn by a goodly number of the several hundred present, created an exotic atmosphere for the diners and dancers who enjoyed the evening.

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A GREAT NIGHT FOR THE IRISH

Oh, Paddy dear, an' did you hear the news that's goin' 'round? It's going to be a foine night for the Irish, and everyone else who likes a good party, come Shades of Shamrock night, Saturday, March 15.

Those harp-striking bards, the Todd's, will sing special Irish ballads, the Blarney Stone will be polished, and there's no law agin the wearin' of the green!

Erin mavoureen—Erin go bragh! And every Irishman better be there!

ART MINDED TRIO—SMC, in support of the Desert Art Center of Coachella Valley, made its facilities available in February, to the organization, on a Tuesday night, for a benefit party. Zaddie Bunker, DAC president visits in the club lounge with two artists, O. E. L. Graves, Palm Springs, cogitating with pipe in hand, and John Hilton, Twentynine Palms, artist, writer, and on this evening a guitar-playing troubador who entertained with authentic early-day ballads. Event proved to be a huge success. Oden Proctor photo.

STARS THAT SHINE—With a scintillating brilliance of performance rivalling the desert stars, members of the LAAC swim team, champions all, will present an outstanding water show at the club March 23. Shown here are three of the group. From the left—a girl who needs no introduction—Pat McCormick, holder of all 5 national diving titles; Ed Lucitt, 2nd ranking platform diver in the U. S., present PCC diving champ; Paula Jean Myers, runnerup in the national diving picture, another sure bet for the Olympics. Event will be one of the finest aquatic shows ever seen at SMC. Wes Hammond photo.